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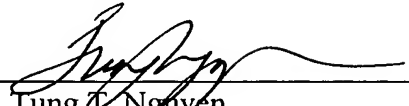
- (1) UK Published Application No. (A) GB 2 281 375, (DYKES), published March 1, 1995.

Applicant also wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following documents:

- (2) Peitsmeier et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,269,562, issued December 14, 1993;
- (3) Milton, U.S. Patent No. 6,035,739, issued March 14, 2000;
- (4) Moon, U.S. Patent No. 6,279,414 B1, issued August 28, 2001; and
- (5) Kim et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,467,367 B2, issued October 22, 2002.

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